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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS FLAILS REP YOUNG AND USG

1. AKHBAR DECEMBER 28 REPORTS ALLEGED STATEMENT BY UN PERMREP-
DESIGNATE YOUNG REGRETTING FORD ADMINISTRATIONS SALE TO ARAB
STATES OF "LARGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS WHICH MIGHT BE USED AGAINST
ISRAEL ONE DAY." AKHBAR COMMENTS THAT YOUNG HAS "WEAK MEMORY" AND
RECALLS THAT US HAS PROVIDED ISRAEL WITH "HUGE QUANTITIES OF
ARMS FREE" WHILE ARABS HAVE PAID IN FULL.

2. EGYPTIAN GAZETTE ECHOED AKHBAR IN EDITORIAL CALL FOR US TO
RID ITSELF OF "ISRAELI BURDEN" AND CULTIVATE FRIENDSHIP
WITH ARABS. GAZETTE SAYS "ISRAEL DRAINS US TREASURY, DEPRIVES
US OF WEAPONS NEEDED FOR OWN DEFENSE AND ONLY EMBARRASSES US
IN ARAB EYES IN RETURN." ARABS, ON OTHER HAND, HAVE OIL WEAPON,
LOTS OF PETRODOLLARS AND STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE IN EAST-WEST
BALANCE. FOR GAZETTE, US POLICY NOT ONLY AGAINST ITS OWN
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POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS, BUT FORCES CONCLUSION THAT
USG ARMS DELIVERS TO ISRAEL MAY BE DESIGNED BOTH TO GIVE SUB-
STANCE IN FUTURE TO US ARGUMENT THAT IT UNABLE TO PRESSURE GOI
EFFECTIVELY, AND TO PROVOKE
ANOTHER WAR TO EXHAUST ARAB RESISTANCE TO "US-ZIONIST IMPERIALIST"
DESIGNS. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES WITH APPEAL TO ARABS TO REASSESS

BOTH THEIR POLICIES TOWARDS US AND TOWARD PEACE WITH ISRAEL.

3. COMMENT: FOR CAIRO PRESS, WHICH OPERATES UNDER GUIDANCE TO
GO EASY ON U.S., THIS IS STRONG STUFF. HOWEVER, GAZETTE IS
WRITTEN FOR FOREIGNERS AND ITS EDITORIALISTS CAN GO FURTHER THAN
EDITORS OF MAJOR ARABIC DAILIES WOULD DARE IN QUESTIONING US-
EGYPTIAN RELATIONSHIP.
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